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# NEWS

*Gay Alliance Toward Equality*









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THE ADVENTURERS -John K. Citizen

Take my hand and face with me

the years that lie ahead,

We cannot hope for roses all along

the road we tread.

There'll be thorns and stony ruts

and shadows dark and cold.

Life is not a journey on a pathway

paved with gold.

But nothing daunts the spirit of

the happy and the free.

Life's challenge to the brave- so

come my love with me.....

"It is never too late to be what you might have been"

-George Eliot

"You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do"

-Henry Ford

"God gives every bird it's food but he does not throw it into the nest"

-J.G. Holland

"Our greatest glory is not in never failing but in rising every time we do fail"

-Confucius

"Our imagination is the only limit to what we can hope to have in the future"

-Charles F. Kettering

The above quotations are in a book I have found to be a real motivator to me...it's called:

"DYNAMIC THINKING"

-Robert J. O'Reilly

There are lots of people waiting for "someone" to do "something". That kind of thinking doesn't get anything done.

If YOU really want anything done...get off your ass and DO IT. Then it will get done.

The Adventurers, continued

No hill will be too steep for us;

no goal will be too far.

Together on the great adventure,

following our star.



## FIRESIDE BOUQUET

Where did I come from, Mother dear?  
Who spawned the spark in yesteryear?  
and spermed the egg that brought me hear?  
O, pray do tell them, Mother dear!

Many studies about lesbians have been done over the years, some empirically, others scientifically, but to my amusement none have found, conclusively speaking- the true cause (s) of homosexuality. Frankly , I don't know why so much time, effort, and money are spent on such projects when the answer to the question is so elementary--the causes is/are simply 'HETEROSEXUALS'. They produce us don't they? Now that that's cleared up, I would like to mention some very elucidative, enlightening, flattering data that I discovered in some old issues of a once fabulous, now defunct, magazine called the "LADDER".

Although the following facts concern lesbians only, I do want to compare gay women and men in a future issue (according to inconclusive studies too). Now, for the heart-warming tid-bits. A study conducted by the Ladder in 1958 showed that 41% of the lesbians who responded to the questionnaire had completed four years of college and 21% had gone beyond the fourth year. Of these 78% ~~xx~~ earned grades of 'B' or better. At the time only 8% of the over-25-caucasians in the general population had completed four years of college. True, this study was done in the United States, but, I have no doubt that Canadian findings today would closely parallel the above. Most of the lesbians I know have studied on after finishing high school and those who haven't are endowed with something special...a talent...an ability...a savoir-faire which sets them apart from the common crowd.

An article written by a lesbian, Dr. J.H. Foster (Author of "Sex Variant Women in Literature") mentioned some observations of hers gleaned from a half century of hob-nobbing with gay's. These I found fascinating. Although she does not believe in the butch-femme dichotomy (and I find butches are so interesting), Dr. Foster insists that a ~~ax~~ large number of lesbians have a strong need to dominate. Some of the examples she gives for this are: lesbian rejection of marriage or refusal to stay married if inadvertently hooked, dressing as one pleased rather than as fashion dictated, accepting a job whether or not finances demanded it, and being a lone wolf when isolated from other lesbians. She insisted that even the most passive of lesbians harbour an inner defiance of society at large (that I love to see). And finally, Dr. Foster concluded that lesbians are homogeneous in nothing except their preference for their own sex. Which is probably why some of you disagree with her now, or with me. Good, that makes for variety and variety is what we're all about. Isn't it?

I read somewhere once that, should all gay women and men suddenly turn purple, there would be horror and consternation in the general populace at the sight of so many of us, and at the sight of so many of us in high places ! Ah, what pleasure the thought engenders! That we form an elite group I have never doubted; I can only delight in the aforementioned findings and say: "Keep up the good work, sisters and brothers, and, let's always walk tall!"

Terri Bea



## SUNDAY FILMS AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

On Sunday June 9, 1974 at 2.00pm in the Library Theatre, the Edmonton Public Library will present the following films:

### Centaur col 10 mins

Horses and horsemanship, filmed with members of the Canadian Equestrian Team and designed to catch the essence of the sport where horse and rider seem to move as one. Here the camera-work, the accompanying music, the vibrant colours of the fall scene, all combine to express the joys of dancing, skimming, leaping across the earth with the freedom of creatures that seem as much carried by the wind as by their own feet. It is a tribute to the riders who keep alive the equestrian art of dressage.

### MUDFLATS LIVING col 28 mins

Life from the inside of an artistic community, a "counter culture" group living as squatters in a mudflat area in North Vancouver. Having rejected drugs, they now practise a philosophy of love for the universe as expressed in the poem, DESIDERATA, quoted in the film. In their view the values of the "straight society" are represented by the mayor of North Vancouver who favors clearing the area for the building of a shopping centre.

### MORNING ON THE LIEVRE col 13 mins

Poet Archibald Lampman described in verse the dazzling beauty of the Lievre River in Quebec, as it winds past maple-wooded hills in late september. Then every tree is ablaze with colour, and the riot of the reds, golds and greens is caught and held in the mirror surfaces of the water. In MORNING ON THE LIEVRE you see the river through the poet's eyes. Sole accompaniment is the reading of the poem, and the music specially composed.

presented in co-operation with the NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA

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### STATISTICS:

APRIL	51	6	11	13	19	20	26	27
MEMB	76	88	40	144	41	109	48	110
GUESTS	12	84	42	100	24	55	33	72
	88	172	82	244	65	164	81	182

During the month of April, 1974 there were a total of 1078 people in attendance at the Club. Of these 656 were members and 422 were guests. There were also 26 new memberships taken out giving us a month-end total of 253 members.

In case you are wondering why there were so many people here on the 13th - remember the fabulous show that was put on by our own group of resident actors!



## HELLO DOLLY

We had a presentation of a favourite show of many, done by a very talented group of people at Club 70. From reports recieved from our reporter all over the country it was a smash success! Folks from Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina and even Winnipeg saw HELLO DOLLY and talked about nothing else on their journeys home. You say you weren't sure just who was in the show?? well, read on...

Dolly Levi..... Tracy Carrol  
Horace VanDerGelder.....Joe (now in Toronto advancing his singing career)  
Cornelius Hackle.....Jeff(gone to P.E.I. for the summer)  
Barnaby Tucker.....Ken D. (gone to Australia to teach)  
Irene Malloy.....Dwayne S.  
Minnie-Faye.....Patrick L.  
Louis Armstrong.....  
Male Chorus.....Art, Ralph, Bill Bob, Bill, and Bob  
Female Chorus.....Jim, Rick, Dwayne, Patrick  
Direction, Production, and  
Choreography.....Larry Cummings  
Show Co-ordinator and  
Program Chairman.....Jim McK  
Narration and Sound.....John R.  
Lights.....Ron B.  
Sets and Decoration.....Dan F., Doug O., Don H., Kerry  
Costumes made and designed by Jim Svenson  
Dolly's Hair was done by Russ T.  
Female Cast hair was done by Dwayne S.  
Make-up was done by Roy W.

Some of the original cast of Calgary's Hello Dolly were here and raved about the fine show here. Calgary's Dolly said " I loved this show, but Dahling I didn't see the last one!" Both the Clubs from Calgary invited the show to travell their but the group here felt the cost would be too high to transport all the sets, etc. down.

Jim McK hopes that because of the high participation for the show and the fine results that many more will come out and be in the next show

HELLO DOLLY people say that you don't have to have professional training to put on a damn fine production...~~xxx~~ natural talent is latent in all of us. We only need to bring it out!!!



## BENEFIT DANCE

Dear Friends:

A Saskatoon lesbian mother is fighting to retain her legal custody of her two children. This custody is now being challenged by her husband because of her sexual orientation.

Legal fees are now beyond her means. She needs support and money to see the case through the courts.

There is no Canadian precedent for an admitted homosexual parent gaining or retaining child custody. This case has important implications for the womens and gay movements.

Saskatoon Gay Action and the Saskatoon Womens Centre are sponsoring a benefit dance. S.G.A. has established a legal Defense Fund. A donation of \$100.00 has been recieved from the Zodiac Friendship Society. We are now sending this letter to the appeal of individuals, gay and women's groups across Canada.

Club 70 in conjunction with G.A.T.E. have decided to hold a Benefit Dance on June 15th. Come on out and help support this most worthy cause.

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## MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Effective June 22nd Membership Cards must be presented at the ticket wicket in order to obtain member rates. If the card is not presented non-member rates will be charged. To avoid increased costs don't forget to carry your card.

## COFFEE HOUSE

Don't forget the opening of your Coffee House - June 19th and 20th. The Club will be open for coffee and other refreshments each Wednesday and Thursday from that date on. No Admission Charge just the cost of your coffee. Lets support this endeavour. Hours 7-11. Watch for more posters.



AN OPINION by W. A. S.

The small article in the March newsletter about the drop off of some of the original club members was of considerable interest to me because I wonder if the following may have anything to do with it?

I'm talking about down right unfriendliness!

I've experienced this, as have others, and have been told Club 70 is not a dating bureau but a social club. With this I agree but have we not all been taught courtesy and consideration for our fellow human beings? The following is an excerpt from an editorial of a now defunct magazine but it really gets to the point I'm talking about.

"how many times have you frequented a gay bar or club and the majority of people present would complain that gays are unfriendly, that gays are this, and that gays are that? My question is this: What are you going to do about it? Yes, I mean you! Have you really made a sincere effort to put on a happy face and to be more friendly and sociable? How many times have you made the effort to go out of your way to make someone feel welcome and at ease? It is all too easy to leave it to the other party to make the first move or say the first word. I am not talking about seeking out a bedmate, I am talking about just being friendly. Of course, it is much easier to complain and fall into the same rut as the others.

The next time you are in a gay establishment or see another gay on the street - smile - say 'hi'. It won't cost you anything but a second of your time and a little effort on your part. And do you want to know something? Two people are going to feel a lot better for it. Just think - maybe this friendly gesture could become contagious and we'd all be a lot happier. But it takes you and me and our other brothers and sisters to make it happen.

The next time you are at a club and someone asks you to dance, will it hurt you to have just one dance? You are not obligated to anything beyond. He may not be your 'knight in shining armour', but courtesy pays dividends and he, too, will remember that when someone extends the invitation to him.

Another thing we often forget is the fact that all of us, someday, will achieve old age. This is not to imply it is an easy task to face, but let's call a spade a spade! We all grow old. Therefore, let us respect those that are on in years. Those that are on in years remember to respect our youth! It all adds up to one thing - friendliness - which begins with the attitude of each and everyone of us. We have to make a start somewhere, somehow, sometime; so, why not let it be now?

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Birds of worry and care fly above your head. This you can't change. But that they build their nest in your hair - this you can prevent.

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1 joy dispels 100 cares!

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## FORT EDMONTON OPEN NOW

Fort Edmonton- a glimpse of the past and our cities' reminder of it's early history opened this year on May 18.

Mr. A.H. Savage of the Cities Parks and Recreation Dept. states that "the Fort and all it's buildings are now complete and furnished". Action displays such as river boats under construction and breadmaking will be of special interest to Edmontonians and tourists alike.

Commencing May 18, the regular hours of operation will be 12:00 Noon to \*8:00 pm (seven days a week). Admission prices are \$1.00 for Adults, and 50¢ for children 6 to 12 years. A special family rate is available at \$2.50. Admission is free to children under 6 accompanied by parents.

The Fort is located on the south bank of the North Saskatchewan River, just one mile west of the Quesnel Freeway.

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### HELP HELP

Getting the best for your buck is the consumers obligation. Getting the most for the product is the retailers obligation. To get the best value from products and services, decide beforehand exactly what it ~~is~~ is you want to buy and what you can afford to pay. Shop around. Compare prices and quality. Impulse purchases can eat up hard earned dollars. If guarantees are offered, understand them- and try and read between the lines for what isn't offered or promised, such as labour costs, replacements during servicing or repair periods. Save your receipts, guarantees and invoices; they represent proof of purchase. A retailer who is shown proof of purchase by a customer is likely to be more amenable to a discussion on your dissatisfaction with a product sold by his store. He's after a repeat business.

If the product or service is unsatisfactory, get all the facts straight. Write them down and keep a copy for yourself. On this list include:

- the name or model of the service or product
- name and address of the seller
- date of purchase
- your name address, and telephone number

Describe exactly what is wrong and take these facts to the seller and make your complaint. If the seller can't help you, write to the head office of the manufacturer or supplier concerned.

Also you can write to The Consumer, Box 99, Ottawa, or contact our regional Consumer Consultants. We'll see what we can do to solve your problem, though naturally we can't guarantee satisfaction in every case. But again remember to be specific and to include all the details. We may be able to take direct action or refer you to the people we think can help.

Mrs. Sally Merchant

Oliver Building

10225-100 Ave.

Edmonton Tel: 425-5660

Our Consumer Consultant in Alberta is:



## NATIONAL GAY ELECTION COALITION

Have you or has someone you know ever lost his job because of being gay? Do you think that you were passed over for that last promotion because your boss "is suspicious"? Did a landlord ever refuse to rent an apartment to you and your lover? Have you ever wished that you could share a kiss with another man or woman in public without running the risk of being convicted of an "indecent act"? These are only a few of the many ways in which gay people do not have equal rights under the law. Other minority groups are protected under the Canadian Bill of Rights, and at least have access to legal process if they are discriminated against.

The federal government has paid very little attention to us as a minority group, feeling that it solved the last of our problems when it altered the Criminal Code in 1969. This is due in part to the fact that we are such an inconspicuous minority. There is, however, one way in which the gay community can make its presence felt, and do so without any risk to individuals who cannot disclose their sexuality publicly. As a group we can make the democratic process and the secret ballot work for us.

It was with this in mind that the National Gay Election Coalition (NGEC) was formed. The NGEC is an alliance of 18 gay organizations in seven provinces: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia. The co-operating group in Alberta is GATE (Edmonton). The NGEC has two main objectives: to make every candidate for Parliament aware that there are at least two million homosexual and bisexual citizens and taxpayers in Canada who are denied rights afforded to other citizens, and to elicit the candidates' opinions on several questions vital to the interests of the gay population of Canada. To this end a questionnaire containing ten searching questions is being mailed out to every parliamentary candidate in Canada. The responses will be collated and released to the press and to any other interested parties. They will also be posted in Club 70.

The questions include whether or not the candidates favor:

1. an end to discrimination against homosexuals in employment in all branches of the Federal Government, including the Civil Service and the Armed Forces.
2. federal legislation to protect homosexuals in employment in the private sector.
3. inclusion of the term "sexual orientation" in the Canadian Bill of Rights.
4. measures to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals in public housing and in the financing of such housing.
5. deletion of references to homosexuals and 'homosexuality' from the Immigration Act.
6. repeal of Section 155 of the Criminal Code (buggery).
7. repeal of Section 157 of the Criminal Code (gross indecency).
8. uniform age of consent for sexual acts, regardless of gender or marital status.
9. replacement of Section 156 of the Criminal Code (indecent assault) with a law dealing only with sexual assault involving violence, force or coercion.
10. clarification of Section 169 of the Criminal Code (indecent acts in a public place) by defining public place as 'a place where a condition of privacy has not



been attempted or attained'.

A few preliminary results obtained by means of interviews are already available. The Progressive Conservative MP's from Edmonton (who also happen to be the PC candidates in the coming election) expressed the following opinions during the 1972 campaign:

Bill Skoreyko (Edmonton East) : strongly opposes gay rights.  
Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West) : thinks gays are "immoral".  
Doug Roche (Edmonton Strathcona): does not support gay rights.

Steve Paproski (Edmonton Centre): unsure of his stand with respect to gay rights.

So far in this election, only two Edmonton candidates have been interviewed:

Lila Fahlman (NDP, Edmonton Strathcona): Strongly supports gay rights.

Bill Kobluk (NDP, Edmonton East): approves in principle of gay rights.

We await further nominations and the release of the names of candidates.

Noting that Robert Stanfield and Pierre Trudeau both issued statements during the 1972 federal election which indicated that they did not wish to see the gay population afforded the same rights as other citizens, while David Lewis of the NDP has publicly stated in Edmonton (23 May, 1974) in response to a question posed by an NGLO representative, that he would support gay civil rights legislation in Parliament, we can see that the voting interests of the gay community seem to be defining themselves very clearly indeed.

Anyone wishing to become involved in this gay community project please contact GATE at 433-8160 between 7-10 PM weekdays, or drop by the GATE office at Room 214, 8225 - 109 Street some weekday evening.

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#### GATE INFORMATION SERVICE

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About a half dozen people involved with GATE'S information telephone line recently completed a four session introductory training program on helping and communication skills. Explored and practised were skill related to :

- 1.-empathic understanding
- 2.-crisis intervention and support
- 3.-problem solving

These skills were outlined, discussed, then practised through the device of role-playing. Selected interactions were vidoe-taped and played back for discussion and observation by participants.

Main written sources were:

- Brammer, THE HELPING RELATIONSHIP
- R. Carkhuff, Selected readings

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June 9-LAUGHING IN CHURCH---SHAME! SHAME!

Everyone can use the relief of laughter, but religion has ignored this therapy. A service based on the ridiculous in which we can see if we can laugh at ourselves.

June 16--SINGING IS A RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION

A cast of readers give us some background on Unitarian-Universalist hymnodists who, even today, inspire us to sing out on a Sunday morning.

June 23-WHAT ABOUT SUMMER SERVICES?

Would you care to voice your opinion ~~to~~ about services for selected summer Sundays? What kind of services? How many? When? Conducted by whom? It's your church and your choice.

June 30-ANNUAL MEETING ,WDCUC

This service is part of the week-end annual meeting of delegates from all the churches and fellowships of our district, and we will be under the direction of Rob Brownlie.

CHURCH SERVICES...SUNDAYS, 1030am

COFFEE and TEA....BEFORE AND AFTER SERVICES

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MYTH AND LEGEND IN FILM \*\*\*\*\*

The Edmonton Public Library is running a series of films every FRIDAY NIGHT at 8:00 PM until June 28 at the Central Library Theatre.

Admission is \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children. Brochures on the films is available at any Edmonton Public Library.

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LIBRARY SALON CONCERT SERIES

The Edmotnon Public Library and The Edmonton Musicians' Association will feature in concert Garry Guthman, trumpet and Linda Stringham, piano, in the Music Rooms at the Central Library on June 9th, 1974 at 2.30 pm. Admission is free.

The music for this occasion is provided by a grant from the Music Performance Trust Funds and from The Edmonton Public Library. X This grant was obtained with the co-operation of the Edmonton Musicians' Association.